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Dear Members:

Out of the clear sky and without warning bulletin time came slipping up on us. Although we would rather be at the beach, watching the antics of the fair damsels, or recline in a shaded woodland knoll, sipping cool drinks, thinking of the good old ham days, we must take ourselves in hand and get down to business.

The first item we find is a little poem on manners that seemed to strike our fancy:

In the street car I sat by a fellow
Who certainly wasn't well bred
For he kept reading over the shoulder
Of a lady who sat just ahead.

I was peeved as he crowded me over
In a seat where there wasn't much space
For I couldn't read over her shoulder
When his head was in front of my face!

Well, as was mentioned in the last Bulletin, the MRAC is vacationing and news is scarcer than hen's teeth, but what we have is good, so we will start to give forth.

Oliver Zander, W9DIJ, who has long been a bachelor, finally broke down and was married on July 1st to Miss Amanda Jelinski. Some one asked Ollie what his birthstone was and he said that from now on he thought it was going to be the grindstone.

On June 24th, some of the Boys got together and ran a stag party for Ollie, out at Mike's place. Many of the Gang will remember Mike's, as the Club had several Field Days out there. Baked ham, potato salad, cheese, bread, rolls, onions, radishes, olives, cake, coffee and a quarter barrel of beer keep body and soul together. A sheepshead game was in progress, with the more reckless boys playing penny ante. A great favorite was seven card draw with deuces, one-eyed Jacks and nines wild. Those present were Ollie Zander, W9DIJ, Mike Zienkiewicz, W9KQM, Red Smith, W9DZZ, John Wilkinson, W9EEL, Gene Hodson, W9EIH, Ralph Koenig, W9RUF, George Ruger, W9VWG, George Wood, W9DII, and Erv Kreis, W9IRM.

Being on the subject of weddings, "Big Jawn" Wilkinson, W9EEL, related the story of the fellow with a nice big "shiner". Upon being asked where he got the black eye, he replied, "For kissing the bride after the ceremony." "Isn't that the usual custom?" asked John. "Yeah" said the dope, "But this was three years after the ceremony."

Lester Srnka, W9JGE, has been reported to be the proud papa of a YL opr. Congratulations, Les.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, was in town for a few days. He told of a party he attended at Pittsburgh where a young lady, in pouring the drinks, asked, "Say when." One of the boys, quick on the draw, came back, "Any time after the first drink is O.K. by me."

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The W.E.R.S. tests are progressing nicely. June 21st, the following officials visited WMFI unit # 1, control center: Lt. Col. George Howitt, Director of the Wisconsin Council of Defense; Frank L. Greenya, Director of the Milwaukee County Council of Defense; Joseph T. Kluchesky, Chief of Milwaukee Police Dept; and George Hanlon of the Milwaukee County Sheriffs Dept. They expressed surprise and satisfaction in the manner our WERS network functioned and the speed in which roll was called.

Herbert Wareing, W9NY, Radio Aide, called a meeting of all WERS operators on June 28th, at the Police Training School in the Safety Bldg. Thirty-two operators were present, in spite of the heat and humidity. Procurement of essential parts and tubes was the chief subject, as several units remain to be built and completed and refinements must be made on others.

Unit # 12, located temporarily in the southeast part of St. Francis, will soon be installed at the Cudahy Police Station. Unit # 14 is being built and will be located at the West Milwaukee Police Station.

Emil Felber, W9RH, and Herb Wareing, W9NY, installed the antenna at Unit # 22, Police and Fire Alarm System Warehouse, 12th & Vine Sts. Herb celebrated the Fourth of July by working several hours in the broiling sun, on one of the old WPDK towers, 100 feet above the ground, putting up Unit # 22's antenna. Which again proves that to be a real dyed in the wool ham, you must be cracked and slightly balmy, to sacrifice a nice weather holiday putting up an antenna.

Extra! Extra! During the tests of July 10th, Emil Felber, W9RH, visited Charlie Meyer, W9GVL, at Unit # 5. They finally got the urge to try out Unit # 22's new antenna. As # 22's rig still has bugs in it, they picked up Unit # 5's rig and carted it over to # 22. After a few tests with local units, they heard the Chicago WERS Unit WMHI # 22 located at Homewood, Ill., approximately 100 miles from Milwaukee. They also heard WMHI Units #1 & # 10. They heard WMHI # 22 mention that WMFI # 22 was coming in QSA 5 R 9 down there and also said that they were hearing WMFI # 10, located at Shorewood. 'Twas a freak skip night. The various WMHI units came in so loud at WMFI # 22 that our own local units were drowned out. Boy! Oh, Boy! DX on 2½ meters, ain't that "sumpin"!

Communications were received from the following:

1st Lt. Sidney R. Rose, Air Transport Command, W9VKC, received our Bulletin # 5, somewhere in India. It did double duty, as both Sid and Ralph Green, W9WCR, read it, "and believe me" wrote Sid - "it's greatly appreciated."

Pvt. John Holmes has been transferred to California. He was home on a furlough, but due to the NRAC vacation, he did not get to meet many of the Boys.

Pfc. Carl Schuppel sent us copies of the Camp Carson Mountaineer and the Timberwolf. Wish we could reproduce some of the pin-up girls that appear in those issues.

Cpl. John Brower, sent us a nice letter from somewhere in England. He wrote, "to date my army career has been varied from clerical work to radio work. I did some of the transmitter and receiver installations in jeeps and command cars."

Lt. Pasquale Iannelli, Signal Corps, W4HNP, exW9UHZ, wrote from somewhere in England. Pasquale has been in the army for over four years and it is his second trip across. The first time as a Master Sergeant, then back for OCS and now over there again as a commissioned officer.

Cpl. Gilbert Rink also wrote from somewhere in England. He has been pretty busy so didn't get a chance to write often and his letter was short, but that's O.K., Gil, just so we hear from you, know that you are getting the bulletin and that we can check on your address.

Sgt. James Callaway, W9LZL, dropped us a line from New Guinea. He is doing motion picture projection and amplifier work.

T/Sgt. James Wolff, W9CRK, has been shifted and failed to notify us, which necessitated letter writing and phoning to locate his folks. We were informed by his mother that he gave up the high speed trans-Atlantic CW job and asked for a transfer to the air force. He has been to several flexible gunnery schools and is now a radio operator - gunner on a big bomber.

Pvt. Curtis Schultz was located through his parents and we found him to be overseas.

T/4 Ed. Strelczyk, W9ANK, wrote from England after having spent over a year and a half up in the arctic regions.

Frank Jancarik, RT, USCG, wrote from Florida, where he is now stationed after finishing his radio course at C.R.E.I. in Washington, D.C. He was home on furlough, but was so monopolized by his YL that he never got a chance to drop in on the boys. Frank said, "You know how convincing a woman can be, especially if she's got something to back it up with."

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, dropped cards which showed him to be in Detroit, Bay City, Cleveland, Chicago, Superior and Sturgeon Bay. He made a quick trip to Milwaukee and phoned us to say that soon he will be going to parts unknown.

Lt. Arthur Trautmann, W9KFB, wrote from England where he is with the Signal Corps in the signal maintenance section.

Robert Mayer, W9KLN, is still pounding brass for Northwest Airlines in Chicago, according to his last letter.

Robert Schmidt, W9VDY, wrote from Newton, Mass. He still is with Raytheon doing development work. Bob was home for a few days, but didn't get around to see the boys, as the Club was shut down. He was disappointed, for he would have enjoyed a meeting, especially to see a bay-windowless Al Krones.

Pvt. John Rashinsky dropped a card from South Dakota. He liked Bulletin # 6, especially the humor in it.

Elmer Ash, W9ESE, wrote from Port Washington to give us a change of address and expressed satisfaction with the Bulletin. Elmer was forced out of his abode by the owner who wished to occupy it. So he had no choice but buy a place and become a taxpayer of the fishtown. He invites the gang, if they are out his way, to drop in for refreshments. He has a room fitted out as a service shop that can easily be converted into a radio shack as soon as the bands open up again.

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Norbert Kelly, RM 1/C, W9JWN, wrote from the southwest Pacific where he is attached to the 5th Fleet. He wrote, quote, Enough has happened in the past two weeks to fill a book, unquote. He wants to be remembered to all the hams.

Cpl. Frank Detzek wrote a short note from Kansas.

Art Kaufman, W9UMP, dropped us a V-mail letter from England. He was doing special radio work for the Royal Navy, but said that he would be back in Boston pretty soon. He mentioned meeting Ted Kercher, W9HWY, over there.

Ray Charney, RT 3/C, wrote a V-mail letter from somewhere in Australia where he is with a radio repair unit. He received the Bulletin and was interested in our WERS activities.

Sgt. Robert Kuesel, wrote from somewhere in India. We noticed that Bob made a jump from Pvt. to Sgt. Nice going, kid.

Lt. (jg) Louis Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote his mother that he had arrived at New Guinea enroute to an unknown destination. His airmail letter was only one week underway.

Russ Burss, W9RKP, dropped in to see us and personally acknowledged receipt of the Bulletin. Russ is instructor with the Army Communication Technical Service. He was located at Truax Field for several years and now is at Scott Field, Ill.

Walter Wallace, W9EYH, dropped us a card from Oakland, Calif., where he is located with the F.C.C., having been transferred out there from Indianapolis. He wrote quote, You boys are to be commended for the fine job you're doing with the Bulletin. So far as I know, have not heard of any other club doing a similar job, unquote.

"Bud" Naugle, RM 1/C, W9QIH, wrote to Jack Doyle, W9GPI, from the Southwest Pacific, where he is in the thick of it experiencing super-action. He has received the Bulletins and also sends thanks for the MRAC membership card. He wrote to Jack, quote, If ever there was a good bunch of fellows, you have them in that club, unquote.

Capt. Reid H. Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, wrote to inform us that his next letter will be written from a foxhole. His file of MRAC Bulletins is going with him and he will make a special effort to see that the Japs don't get them.

In closing, have you heard the story about the fellow who took his girl out in the night and mist?

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. - Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address.
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